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SUBJECT: Otto Albrecht Alfred von BOLSCHWING

1. During a period beginning shortly after the conclusion of World War II and extending into 1954, Subject conscientiously performed useful work, at first indirectly and then directly, for the United States in Austria. At this time he made no secret of having been a nominal member of the NSDAP and of having held assimilated SS rank. He also claimed, however, that he had consistently and effectively impeded the true aims of the Nazi party. As a reward for his loyal post-war service and in view of the apparent innocuousness of his party activities, Subject was given certain covert but official assistance in immigrating to the United States in 1954.

2. Following the Israeli arrest of Adolf EICHMANN, an examination of captured German documents bearing on EICHMANN's activities coincidentally revealed that Subject had concealed from United States Government representatives the true aspects of his NSDAP membership and most of the details of his relationship with the RSHA. The most significant single fact revealed was that, at least in the years prior to the war, he was a principal agent of Department II, Section 112,

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of the RSHA. At that time EICHMANN and several other persons who have since been tried as war criminals were members of this section. It has not thus far been possible to determine whether EICHMANN supervised all of Subject's activities in this period, but it does appear that by 1938 EICHMANN directed at least one or two specific phases of Subject's work. All that has come to light so far indicates that his activity for the EICHMANN office had to do with the manipulation of private funds away from Jewish owners in connection with immigration proceedings, and nothing ~~to date~~ has connected him with EICHMANN's genocide activities. As a matter of fact, at this point in the examination of records it is unclear as to how far into the war years Subject's collaboration with EICHMANN extended.

3. A possibility exists that in the course of the EICHMANN trial or in West German trials of lesser war criminals, Subject's true record may come to public notice. Certified reproductions of many of the captured German documents are in the possession of the Israeli Government, and some months after EICHMANN's arrest representatives of the West German Justice Ministry spent more than a month in Washington examining and microfilming relevant captured documents. It is also to be noted that Subject has been identified in at least two books on EICHMANN which have been published since EICHMANN's arrest: He is mentioned, with an unimportant variation in the spelling of his name, on page 154 of Tuvia Friedman's The Hunter

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as a principal agent of the "Jewish Department", and he is mentioned as "Otto von Butschwing" on pages 73 and 77 of Quentin Reynolds' Minister of Death as the assistant to the head of German intelligence in Palestine in 1937. The latter book ascribes to him the role of getting "acquainted with members of the Haganah in hopes of finding some who would work with the Gestapo".

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